

## PACAF award winners

### Outstanding Personnel Manager

Category I-A

Maj. Steven Miliano  
Pacific Air Forces

Category III-A

Senior Master Sgt. David McAfee  
Pacific Air Forces

Category I-B

Maj. Christopher Herring  
15th Mission Support Squadron

### Military Equal Opportunity Individual Awards

Category II-B

Staff Sgt. John Carlton  
15th Airlift Wing

### AF Education and Training Manager of the Year

Category I-A

Master Sgt. William Nangautu  
Pacific Air Forces

Category I-B

Staff Sgt. Travis Buckley  
Pacific Air Forces

### Enlisted Professional Military Education Awards

Category II

Master Sgt. Robert Nolen  
15th Mission Support Group

Category IV

Senior Master Sgt. Robert Saccone  
Pacific Air Forces

### Civilian Personnel Awards

Category III-B

Michael McCrary  
15th Mission Support Squadron

Category I-C

15th Mission Support Squadron Civilian Personnel Flight

### Gen. Horace M. Wade Innovation Award

Agnes Borbely

15th Mission Support Squadron

### Family Support Center

15th Mission Support Squadron Family Support Center

Category I-A

Cheryl Paiva

15th Mission Support Squadron

# 15th OG blasts inspection

## Unit receives outstanding

By Maj. John Sweeney  
15th Operations Group

*OUTSTANDING: Performance/procedures were error free and exceeded all requirements. Mission execution serves as a model, which others should emulate.*

As Hickam started to gear up for the Christmas season, the men and women of 15th Operations Group Standardization and Evaluation office and the 65th Airlift Squadron were busy putting on the finishing touches for the Headquarters Pacific Air Forces Aircrew Standardization and Evaluation Visit.

Ask anyone in a flight suit and they will be very clear—it is not a “visit.”

For flyers, the ASEV is our report card on how we conduct our business. It is a Unit Compliance Inspection and Operational Readiness Exercise rolled into one inspection that provides PACAF oversight of the 15th Airlift Wing operations.

As the results were read, through the cheering, clapping, and sighs of satisfaction 15th OG and 65th AS were rated “Outstanding” by the ASEV Team on the five-tier scale.

The eight member ASEV team, led by Lt. Col. Dennis “Malf” Malfer invaded the 15th OG and 65th AS Nov. 30 and formally briefed the 15th AW leadership with inspection results Dec. 9. The PACAF ASEV team was augmented by personnel

from the 89th Airlift Wing and 86th Operations Group to provide in-flight evaluations (checkrides) for the pilots, flight engineers (FE), airborne communication and electronic specialists (ACES), and flight attendants (FA). The inspection also evaluated all 15th OG and 65th AS Stan Eval programs, aircrew publications, and tested aircrew knowledge.

The 15th OG computerized aircrew testing program was highlighted by the teams as a benchmark for PACAF. The brief and final report highlighted the leadership of Col. Fraser, 15th OG commander, and Lt. Col. Lance Lindsley, 65th AS commander, and Lt. Col. Tom Alicata, III, 65th AS director of operations. Leadership’s involvement in the units’ mission was clearly evident as the cornerstone of mission performance.

The 65th Airlift Squadron mission is providing safe, comfortable, and reliable airlift to support U.S. Pacific Command, PACAF commander, and other headquarters mission supporting our nation’s leaders.

The 65th AS prides itself on “five-star service for the four stars.” They operate the C-37A (Gulfstream V) and C-40B (Boeing Business Jet) in support of DV missions worldwide – anywhere, anytime.

The 65th AS commander, Lt. Col. Lance Lindsley commented to the enlisted crew members just prior to testing that the ASEV is absolutely vital to validating aircrew performance. While it inspects everything we do such as training, general knowledge, checkrides, flying long days all over the world—it proves our undeniable mission success. While we operate on a “no news is good news”

basis, this is our time to show off. He finished, with a clear message, “Do your best, you’ve worked hard for it, and I am proud, and confident, of each and every one of you, regardless of the results. You are the very best at what you do.”

While the 65th AS operates civilian derivative aircraft painted blue and white and no one really hears anything about them, no one can accuse them of being “flying club.”

The 15th OGV and 65th AS Stan Eval programs were evaluated on how they standardize, evaluate, and maintain mission effectiveness. As the “eyes and ears” of the wing leadership, they ensure compliance with command directives and mission readiness.

There were 28 flight evaluations conducted by ASEV personnel throughout November and December on missions and local sorties.

All evaluations were graded Q-1 (that’s good) with Master Sgt. Harry Hayashi, the 65th AS first sergeant, and C-37A Flight Engineer garnering the coveted exceptionally qualified. In aircrew testing, the 65th AS average score was a scorching 97.7 percent. Maj. Timrek Heisler, chief, 65th AS Stan Eval was highlighted for his leadership, attention to detail, and outstanding programs.

The out brief lauded Maj. Heisler for the superbly managed programs and innovative approaches adopted in many areas.

Other outstanding performers were: Maj. Tim Martin, Capt. Derrick Hodges, Master Sgt. Jeff Peters, Tech. Sgt. Kenneth Jack, Tech. Sgt. Brian Coffman, Tech. Sgt. Jackie Brown, Tech. Sgt. Sandy Lewis, and Staff Sgt. Aaron Vera.

## Get your Valentine Messages in the Hickam Kukini

The Hickam Kukini will have a special Valentine’s Day section in the Feb. 11 issue.

If you have a friend or loved one, especially if they are deployed or TDY, and can express a personalized message in 25 words or less, the Kukini staff will ensure a copy gets to their deployed location.

Forward messages to [hickam.kukini@hickam.af.mil](mailto:hickam.kukini@hickam.af.mil), subject line “Valentines message by Jan. 28.”



## Motorcycle safety

## “S.E.E.” what’s coming – before it arrives

By Vincent Duny  
15th Airlift Wing Safety office

It’s a beautiful day in Paradise and Larry is making the most of it on his motorcycle – riding down the road and soaking in the sunshine.

Suddenly, a small boy darts out in front of him between two parked cars. The boy turns and sees Larry, then freezes in his tracks. Larry slams on the brakes, locks up the back wheel, and dumps his bike just a few feet short of what could have been a real disaster. Fortunately, the only damages are some scratches to the saddlebag, a bent highway peg and a small bruise on his hip.

This could have been avoided if Larry had been paying better attention. He would have realized that the parked cars could be hiding a potential disaster. He would have seen the basketball sitting in the gutter on the far side of the street and predicted that a child might pop out to retrieve it. He would have reduced his speed, covered his brakes and clutch, and turned a potential tragedy into a friendly encounter with a possible future rider.

Maintaining focus while riding can often be a challenge. But

to make it easier, the Motorcycle Safety Foundation® (MSF) recently introduced a simplified version of the mental process for making judgments and taking action in traffic: S.E.E., for Search, Evaluate, and Execute.

Search – As you ride, scan the area aggressively, including the areas along the road and behind you. Check your mirrors frequently to maintain a constant awareness of your surroundings.

Evaluate – Use that information to evaluate the situation, predict what unexpected hazards and challenges may arise, and actively formulate strategies to deal with them.

Execute – Adjust your speed and positioning accordingly, while communicating your intentions to others.

S.E.E. – Search, Evaluate, Execute. The better you learn this approach and the more you use it, the more it will become second nature. And the better chance you have of avoiding an unhappy outcome in a tricky situation.

Riding tips courtesy of the Motorcycle Safety Foundation and Rider’s Edge. This article has been reprinted from the November/December 2004 edition of Hog Tales, with editor’s permission.

## TSUNAMI, From A1

“What we need to do when we’re supporting a joint task force is, folks need to take off their service hats and put on their collective joint hats and work in a unified fashion. That way we’re able to optimize our actions,” said General Deptula.

“Probably the biggest thing that I learned out of the Desert Storm experience was the value of personal relationships and that the key to effective leadership and planning and execution is ensuring that all the people involved understand one another and that a simple phone call or face-to-face discussion is worth a heck of a lot more than lines that are drawn on an organizational chart,” said General Deptula.

More than 1,000 Airmen have been deployed to establish distribution channels and support the relief efforts for those who have been affected by the tsunami.

“The Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Coast Guardsmen and Marines that are participating in this process are doing a magnificent job. The American people can be really proud of their efforts,” said General Deptula. “It’s a real privilege for me to have the opportunity to be a part of this effort.”



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Richard Freeland

## Airmen continue tsunami relief

KADENA AIR BASE, Japan – Airman 1st Class Sara McClaskey readies a cargo net on an aircraft pallet bound for Southeast Asia.



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